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## **Cultural Policy Review Begins**

The Mayor's Cultural Policy Review (CPR) Committee will hold an organizing meeting with consultants from Wolf, Keens & Company on Wednesday, June 14, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Bascom-Tykeson Room of the Eugene Public Library, 100 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. The public is invited to attend this meeting as well as all future Mayor's CPR Committee meetings.

This session is an initial focus group information-gathering opportunity and a chance for consultant Marc Goldring, Vice-President, Wolf, Keens & Company and Claudia Bach, Consultant, to explain the Cultural Policy Review process. This will be the first opportunity for the consultants to obtain input on key issues and concerns by the Committee. Mr. Goldring and Ms. Bach will discuss the details of the project, including timeline, expectations, and planning process information. All information gathered will be processed through the Mayor's Cultural Policy Review Committee.

Additionally, during the consultants' two-day visit on June 14 and June 15, non-public meetings are scheduled with Mayor Piercy, Dennis Taylor, staff, and arts organizations' representatives.

The City of Eugene selected Wolf, Keens & Company in May to manage a review of the City's cultural policy. The consultants will work at the direction of the 21-member Mayor's CPR Committee to implement an accessible and inclusive process that will result in action-oriented arts and cultural strategies. The Mayor's CPR Committee is comprised of a diverse group of arts advocates and chaired by Tina Rinaldi, a University of Oregon Arts Management educator, former director of the Jacobs Gallery and a current member of the Lane County Cultural Coalition. Councilor David Kelly is the vice-chair of the committee.

The Cultural Policy Review is the City's first in more than two decades. The objective is to collaboratively review current conditions, services and gaps, and identify community-supported options that will assist the City Council in defining the City's ongoing role in the arts and culture.

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